

Shubi language

Shubi is a Bantu language spoken by the Shubi people in north-western Tanzania. It may use labiodental plosives /p̥/, /b̥/ (sometimes written ɸ, ɸ) as phonemes, rather than as allophones of /p, b/. Peter Ladefoged wrote:

We have heard labiodental stops made by a Shubi speaker whose teeth were sufficiently close together to allow him to make an airtight labiodental closure. For this speaker this sound was clearly in contrast with a bilabial stop; but we suspect that the majority of Shubi speakers make the contrast one of bilabial stop versus labial-labiodental affricate (i.e. bilabial stop closure followed by a labiodental fricative), rather than bilabial versus labiodental stop.^[4]

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External links

- Short article on Shubi proverbs (<http://www.afriprov.org/index.php/bibliography/374-endangered-african-proverbs-collections-shubi-tanzania-proverbs.html>)

Shubi	
Region	Kagera Region in Tanzania
Ethnicity	Shubi people
Native speakers	(153,000 cited 1987) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <div> <div>▪ Atlantic–Congo</div> <div>▪ Benue–Congo</div> <div>▪ Bantoid</div> <div>▪ Bantu</div> <div>▪ Northeast Bantu</div> <div>▪ Great Lakes Bantu</div> <div>▪ Ruanda-Rundi</div> <div>▪ Shubi</div> </div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	suj
Glottolog	shub1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lainguoid/id/shub1238) ^[2]
Guthrie code	JD.64 ^[3]

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